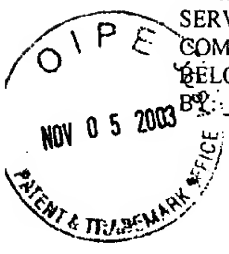


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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This Response is responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 6, 2003 (Paper No. 7), in the above-captioned application. This Response is being timely filed.

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group V, claims 1-3, 5-9, 16 and 18, drawn to nucleic acids with a sequence with at least 80% identity to SEQ ID NO:9, kits and vectors containing nucleic acids and recombinant cells containing said vectors.

This election is made without traverse and without prejudice to the inclusion of the subject matter of the non-elected claims in any later filed divisional application.

Favorable examination of claims 1-3, 5-9, 16 and 18 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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